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Collectors' Notices.

Mr. C. S. Avery will call upon our subscribers in Oxford county during the month of October.

Mr. J. P. Clark will visit Penobscot county during the month of October.

Mr. S. N. Tabor will call upon our subscribers in Hancock county in September.

Stanley's Triumph.

In our foreign news column last week it was stated that Stanley, the African explorer, had reached the mouth of the Congo, on the west coast of Africa, and was again in communication with the civilized world. He left Barranay on the eastern coast, Nov. 17th, 1874, and in a little more than two years and eight months, he has crossed the great tropical continent from east to west. During the greater part of the time of his absence, he has been exploring the mysterious realms of barbarism, and has encountered and overcome obstacles which few men would have dared to undertake or had the power to surmount. The information which he brings is valuable, for he has succeeded in solving several of the geographical questions which have puzzled students for many years.

From his starting point, Stanley traveled rapidly toward the Victoria Nyanza, a lake with which the readers of Livingstone's Journal are familiar, which he reached in one hundred and three days, the distance being seven hundred and twenty miles. This was an average of seven miles a day, and considering the difficulties he had to encounter and the heavy burdens which had to be carried, the party made remarkably good time. During his absence he had lost two out of the three of his white companions, viz: Edward Pocock and Frederick Barker. He remained in the region of the great Nyanza over a year and his time was well employed. By means of a boat of three tons capacity, the Lady Alice, which was carried in sections, he was able to navigate the lake and make a first-hand careful study of its waters and shores, and brought to light many new features.

Stanley was the first white man who ever visited that broad extent of country between the two lakes, and he reports having there discovered a race of men of a decidedly different type from the negro; in other words, a race of white men. They will be fully described in his journal which will be published during the coming year. Here also he discovered the great Sheenaya river, the true head of the Nile, and really filled up every hiatus in the history of this mysterious river. He has fully established the fact that the streams by which the Nyanza are fed furnish the waters which pour through the Nile in its meandering course to the Mediterranean sea.

Having finished his investigations in the Nile basin, Stanley determined to either verify or disprove by personal observation, the theory to which the opinions of Livingstone had given great vitality, that the river Lualaba was a Nile tributary. Those who have read Livingstone's last journal will remember his visits to the Mayenne country, lying to the north-east of Lake Tanganyika, and his encounter with the ferocious cannibals inhabiting its dense forests, and his forced retreat on account of sickness and want of supplies. A study of the map of Africa will show that the country is still marked unexplored. It is through this country that the waters of the Lualaba flow, and it was for the purpose of following down this river that Stanley left the lake region in August 1876, and until his appearance on the coast at the mouth of the Congo a full year afterwards, nothing was heard or known of him. During this period he struggled through the most difficult terrain, was slain twice, and his body was found upon his person. Neither did he have any money with him when he left Portudal Tuesday evening. Persons who have known him for a number of years assert that he is a man of steady and industrious habits. The Portudal Company has regarded him as one of its most trustworthy men. A coroner's jury has decided that he died of congestion of the lungs.

The Continental Jubilee Singers will give one of their concerts at Granite Hall, on Saturday evening of this week. The proceeds of the door concerts after paying expenses, are to be appropriated to the erection of a Girls' Boarding Hall at Storer College, West Virginia. The exercises will consist of slave melodies, and camp-meeting songs, such as those of the plantation style, with occasional a modern song. The object is a praiseworthy one, and we hope the concert will be well patronized.

The Lewiston Journal notes the fact that those in America who stand at the head of every department of art are natives of Maine. Longfellow the poet; Paine, the best American painter; Johnson, the best American singer; and Miss Cary, the best American sculptor—all are natives of Maine. Longfellow is a native of Portland; Paine of Portland; Johnson of Augusta; Miss Cary of Durban, and Simmons of Lewiston.

Horace North of this city has received the agency of the Heliotrope Engravings published by James R. Osgood & Co., of Boston. These embrace a large collection of choice reproductions of the most attractive European and American works of art and finally became the Congo, and drains the basin entirely distinct from the basin of the Nile. The work began by Livingston, who settled in Congo, and so gradually finished by Stanley, who has clearly defined the three great river systems of Africa, the Nile, the Zambezi and the Congo, and calls for a reconstruction of the map of the great tropical continent. The knowledge gained by these daring explorers of the world is indeed remarkable.

— Senator Boott, whose sudden death was a shock to the descendants of the French pioneer who settled Missouri. He was born at St. Genevieve in that State, April 9, 1813, graduated at the law school in Lexington, Kentucky, in 1825, and has ever since resided at St. Louis. He was repeatedly elected a member of the Missouri Legislature, and in 1867-8, was Commissioner of Indian Affairs. He was also one of the projectors of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain railroad, and for two years president of the company. He was elected to the Senate in 1873, as a democrat, to succeed F. P. Blair.

The golden opportunity has come at last. Gold has fallen, and so have groceries at Dow & Storer's, to nearly the good old gold times. Try them.

CITY NEWS AND GOSSIP. Capt. Henry Sewall has returned to his business as messenger at the Court House and is much improved in health.—The Augusta Savings Bank has foreclosed on certain landed property, mortgaged to the bank by the late Hon. Warren Johnson, and situated on Western Avenue, and thereafter. On Wednesday week, Prof. G. Austin, another of the Augusta Reform Club, met at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Ridenout, east side, of the city, and presented Mrs. Ridenout with a silver tea and dessert spoons, the gift of the members of the club, as a slight testimonial to Mrs. Ridenout for her services as organist.—The tenth year at St. Catherine's began on Thursday. This institution affords excellent facilities to young ladies for obtaining an education.—Mr. Horace North has become the special agent in this city for James E. Osgood & Co.'s Heliotrope Engravings, being choice reproductions of the most attractive European works of art.—Over a hundred children attended the meeting of the Juvenile Temple Saturday afternoon, and yet there was room.—Rev. Dr. Butler preached at the Baptist church in this city last Sunday.—Mr. C. M. Dolloff has sold his meat store to Mr. James Chapman who will continue the business; Dolloff returns to Verner.—The Augusta Base Ball Club was defeated by the Gardiners Saturday afternoon, by a score of 18 to 12.—Mr. W. S. Badger is on his annual trip to the Bangor lakes.—A young man named Bickford, with a wife and children, who works for Harvey, and lives on Cusheon heights, attempted to take his life on Sunday, by pouring down a couple ounces of laudanum. He became cold, dull and sleepy, but by the prompt application of proper remedies, he was brought back to real life again. The cause of the act is not known.—The horse of Alonso Guardia of Chelsea was frightened by a passing train he was standing near the Water street crossing Monday, and dashed up Water street at a furious rate. As he was passing McFarland's blacksmith shop one of the shafts caught in a ladder and the two sides tumbled in a shower of stones. The horse then crossed over to the other side and came up the steps, running and kicking, and near the door of one of the stores he smashed a heavy carriage belonging to T. F. Murphy, which had just been released of its heavy burden by the mother, who had lost time to escape within the door. Running against Hayes' saloon the horse was thrown down and captured. Mr. Plummer, when the horse first started, in attempting to stop him, was thrown down but not much hurt. The horse appeared to uninjured, but the top buggy was a wreck.—Hon. J. L. Stevens left Tuesday with his family for New York where he will take steamer for Liverpool and thence to Calcutta, and return via Suez Canal. The investigation closed up many doubtful points and brought to light many new features.

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